MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 30, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)

Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)

Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)

Rep. Dick Barrett (D)

Rep. Tom Berry (R)

Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)

Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)

Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)

Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary

Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 306, HB 271, HB 279

Executive Action: None

00:00:00 Call to order

HEARING ON HB 306

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:42 Rep. Penny Morgan (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 306, Extend certain permanent license plates for motorcycles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:12 Angelo Bianco, Military Order of the Purple Heart

Opponents' Testimony: None

<u>Informational Testimony</u>:

00:06:27 Joe Foster, Montana Veteran Affairs Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:54	Chairman Sonju
00:07:03	Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division
00:08:11	Chairman Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:27	Rep. Morgan
00:10:26	Rep. Taylor
00:10:44	Ms. Weiss
00:10:56	Chairman Sonju
00:11:06	Ms. Weiss
00:11:53	Chairman Sonju

HEARING ON HB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:27 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 279, Revise laws relating to transportation.

EXHIBIT(trh22a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:28 Rep. Timothy Furey, HD 91, Milltown, Montana

- 00:20:05 Roger Millar, Missoula County, City of Missoula, Office of Planning and Grants 00:23:51 Tim Elsea, Missoula City Engineer 00:26:50 Josh Patterson, Contractor, Missoula, Montana 00:27:48 Jeff Patterson, Milltown and Bonner Development Group 00:29:14 Andrew Finch, Senior Transportation Planner, Great Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Great Falls Staff 00:34:03 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties EXHIBIT(trh22a02) 00:40:25 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County, Montana Association of County Road Supervisors 00:42:08 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns 00:44:08 Ed Bartlett, City of Billings 00:44:34 Peggy Layton, Piltzville, Montana EXHIBIT (trh22a03) 00:45:40 Judy Matson, Missoula, Montana
- Opponents' Testimony: None

<u>Informational Testimony</u>:

00:50:41 Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation

00:46:50 Paul Layton, Sr., Piltzville, Montana 00:50:09 Lavonne Otto, Piltzville, Montana

EXHIBIT (trh22a04)

- 01:02:09 Rep. Taylor
- 01:02:18 Chairman Sonju
- 01:02:31 Mr. Lynch
- 01:04:01 Rep. Taylor
- 01:04:12 Mr. Lynch

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 01:13:34 Rep. Kottel
- 01:13:57 Mr. Lynch
- 01:15:19 Rep. Taylor
- 01:15:42 Mr. Lynch
- 01:16:10 Rep. Taylor
- 01:16:19 Mr. Lynch
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- 01:16:53 Rep. Arntzen
- 01:17:12 Mr. Lynch
- 01:19:32 Rep. Arntzen
- 01:19:44 Mr. Lynch
- 01:20:06 Rep. Arntzen
- 01:20:20 Mr. Lynch
- 01:21:19 Rep. Taylor
- 01:22:09 Mr. Lynch
- 01:23:28 Rep. Barrett

01:24:20 Rep. Reinhart 01:24:43 Rep. Barrett 01:24:48 Mr. Millar 01:25:53 Rep. Barrett 01:26:03 Mr. Millar 01:26:13 Chairman Sonju 01:26:25 Mr. Lynch 01:26:27 Chairman Sonju 01:26:45 Mr. Lynch 01:26:52 Chairman Sonju 01:27:11 Mr. Lynch 01:27:16 Rep. Arntzen 01:27:53 Mr. Lynch 01:29:06 Rep. MacDonald 01:29:52 Mr. Lynch 01:29:59 Rep. MacDonald 01:30:07 Mr. Lynch 01:31:29 Chairman Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:49 Mr. Lynch

01:32:27 Rep. Reinhart

01:37:04 Break

01:48:18 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 271

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:30 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 271, Revise license plate fee laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:51:34 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:39 Rep. Taylor 01:52:55 Ms. Luther 01:53:00 Rep. Ebinger

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:50 Rep. Reinhart

ADJOURNMENT

01:54:39	Adjournment				
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Additiona	1 Documents.				

EXHIBIT(trh22aad.pdf)